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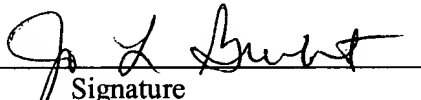
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants agree that the claims in this case are in condition for allowance, and thank the Examiner for passing this case to issue. The Notice of Allowance included the blanket statement, "The examiner has interpreted the claims to invoke 35 U.S.C. 112 6th paragraph, and therefore his interpret[ation] of the claims must have the structure as described in the specification and must also work in the same manner as described in the specification." Applicants respectfully disagree.

In a claim, the word "means" is "part of the classic template for functional claim elements." *Rodime PLC, v. Seagate Technology, Inc.*, 174 F.3d 1294 (Fed. Cir. 1999) citing *Sage Products, Inc. v. Devon Industries, Inc.*, 126 F.3d 1420, 1427 (Fed. Cir. 1997).

To determine whether a claim element falls within § 112, ¶6 use of the word “means” raises a presumption that the patentee advisedly used the word to invoke the statutory mandate for means-plus-function clauses. *Rodime PLC*. In the absence of the word “means”, the presumption does not apply. In the present case, there are many claims that do not use the term “means” and therefore, applicant does not believe that the all of the claims should be interpreted to invoke 35 U.S.C. 112 6th paragraph. Even the claims that do use the term “means” should not, under appropriate examination guidelines or case law relating to claim interpretation, be strictly limited to strictly the “structure as described in the specification and must also work in the same manner.”

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